

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**  
**Office of the City Manager**  
**Letter to Commission No. 095-2005**



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** April 12, 2005

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

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**Subject:** **SIDEWALK PROJECT ON PINE TREE DRIVE**

This is to inform you that the County Commissioners have approved the sidewalk repairs on La Gorce Drive and Pine Tree Drive between West 51<sup>st</sup> Street and West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, in the amount of \$143,826.25.

The sidewalks on those two sections of La Gorce Drive and Pine Tree Drive have been in poor condition for a number of years and the City over the years received numerous complaints from residents in that area of Miami Beach. Since 2003, the City Administration has requested, as shown on the attached letter to the County Manager, that the sidewalks be repaired or replaced; however, the County had limited funding under the County's Quality Neighborhoods Improvement Program which allocated annual funding to each District County Commissioner. Commissioner Sally Heyman of District 4 had an annual allocation of approximately \$100,000 for projects for the cities of Miami, Miami Beach, and North Miami Beach; therefore, other priorities had taken precedence over the requests from Miami Beach and its residents.

After the passing of the People's Transportation Program tax, the County had additional funds available for Right-of-Way improvements. I am happy to report that the repair and/or replacement of sidewalks along La Gorce Drive and Pine Tree Drive is scheduled to start on August 2005.

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Attachment: Letter to County Manager of August 20, 2003

c: Fred H. Beckmann  
Director of Public Works

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August 20, 2003

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**Subject: Sidewalk Project on Pine Tree Drive**

Dear Mr. Burgess:

This letter is to request your assistance in getting the sidewalks alongside Pine Tree Drive repaired and/or replaced as soon as possible. County crews for the past few years have applied an asphalt leveling course any time a sidewalk is cracked, spalled, or broken. Residents of this neighborhood have repeatedly complained about the unsightly appearance of their sidewalks and we have repeatedly requested your Public Works Department to repair and/or replace these sidewalks.

We have been told that the wholesale repair and/or replacement of sidewalks is packaged into capital improvement projects and funded under the County's Quality Neighborhoods Improvement Program. Unfortunately to date, in spite of our efforts and some of our commissioners' efforts, we have been unable to get the project funded. I urge you to move up the priority of this project, or to find alternate sources of funding. It is a significant quality of life issue for the residents of this Miami Beach neighborhood.

Sincerely,

  
Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

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c: Mayor and City Commission  
Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager  
Fred H. Beckmann, Director of Public Works